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Corps awards contract for KVK deepening

As part of what is considered to be the biggest dredging project ever undertaken in New York Harbor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District today announced the award of the sixth contract for work to deepen the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay channels.

A total of nine contracts will be awarded for the complete project, expected to cost \$733 million and be completed by 2004.

The cost-shared project with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will deepen the federal channels to 45 feet from the current depth of 40 feet. This contract, awarded Dec. 10, calls for dredging from just east of the Bayonne Bridge westward around Bergen Point into Newark Bay. This section of the project will deepen 2 miles of shipping channel and is expected to require blasting to remove rock.

The work for this section of the project will be completed by Bean/Stuyvesant of Bell Chaise, La. The cost for this contract is \$57 million. For this contract, construction should be completed by December of 2003.

It is estimated that for this contract 286,000 cubic yards of rock will be dredged and placed at the Sandy Hook Reef and near the Shark River in Monmouth County, N.J.; 366,000 cubic yards of non-rock dredged material will be placed at the Historic Area Remediation Site several miles east of Sandy Hook, N.J., and 89,000 cubic yards of non-rock material will be placed upland at the OENJ project at the Bayonne Landfill.

The Army Corps of Engineers is paying 75 percent of the project's cost during construction and the Port Authority is paying the balance. For this contract, the Corps is paying \$43 million and the Port Authority the remaining \$14 million. The Port Authority will pay an additional 10 percent of the cost during the 30 years following completion of the project.